I hereby certify that this corndence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box AF, Washington, D.C. 20231,

October 13, 1999

Attorney Docket No. 16930-0009-21

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Richard J. Gregory et al.

Application No.: 08/958,570

Filed: October 28, 1997

RECOMBINANT ADENOVIRAL For: VECTOR AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner: David Guzo Art Unit: 1636

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -EXAMINING GROUP 1636

Box AF

SF 151747 v1 SF 1035026 v1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 13, 1999 for three months, from July 13, 1999 to October 13, 1999. An appropriate response in the form of a Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy L. Smith, Ph.D. Reg. No. 35,367

Jung 2 Smith

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-3834 (415) 576-0200 Fax (415) 576-0300 TLS/mcd

00000018 201430 10/19/1999 WRN11